

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIATION EFFECTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the aviation industry, focusing on jet fuel markets, airport infrastructure, and the National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James C. May, Air Transport Association, Inc., and Deborah McElroy, Regional Airline Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frank Miller, Pensacola Regional Airport, Pensacola, Florida.

HURRICANE KATRINA RECOVERY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine issues relating to recovering from Hurricane Katrina, focusing on lessons learned from previous disasters in var-

ious locations across the United States, and the urgent and long-term needs of disaster survivors, receiving testimony from former Senator Pete Wilson; former Mayor Patricia A. Owens, Grand Forks, North Dakota; and former Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Urban League; and Iain B. Logan, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, New York, New York.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States, where the nominee, further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3760–3782; 1 private bill, H.R. 3783; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 242–243; and H. Res. 437–438, 441–443 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 437, a resolution to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–220, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 439, providing for the consideration of the resolution H. Res. 437, to establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 109–221); and

H. Res. 440, providing for the consideration of the bill H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–222).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Steve Houpe, Pastor, Harvest Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

To reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act: H.R. 3408, to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina: H. Con. Res. 240, supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day;

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Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and

the subsequent desegregation of American society: H. Con. Res. 208, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society; and **Pages H7881–83**

To protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina: H.R. 3736, to protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Pages H7883–87**

Children's Safety Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3132, to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 470. **Pages H7879–81, H7887–H7924**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Judiciary, now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H7924**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill; **Pages H7897–98**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record) that inserts a new section providing for assistance in identification and location of sex offenders relocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina; **Page H7898**

Cuellar amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for a minimum term of not less than 90 days when jurisdictions are imposing criminal penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of the bill; **Page H7898**

Gibbons amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a new section providing for GAO studies on feasibility of using driver's license registration processes as additional registration requirements for sex offenders; **Pages H7898–99**

Conyers amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for establishment of a Children's Safety Office under the general authority of the Attorney General; **Pages H7899–H7900**

Conyers amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for grants to combat sexual abuse of children. Such grants shall be made by the Bureau of Justice Assistance; **Page H7900**

Poe amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides for expansion of training and technology efforts with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers by the Attorney General in consultation with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; **Pages H7900–01**

Conyers amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a new section which

provides for inclusion of gender statistics under the Hate Crime Statistics Act; **Pages H7903–05**

Baird amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record) that requires the Justice Department, in cooperation with the Health and Human Services Department, to conduct a study into the creation of a nationwide, interstate tracking system of individuals convicted of, or under investigation for child abuse. This report will analyze the costs and benefits of different mechanism for establishing the system and include the extent to which existing registries could be used. The report would be due to Congress within 90 days of enactment; **Page H7905**

Porter amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record) that allows school districts, through the state executive officer, to access finger-print based criminal history records for prospective employees who will come in close contacts with students; **Page H7905**

Flake amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record) that provides that fact-intensive and time-consuming "harmless-error sentencing claims" will be reviewed again in Federal court only if the State court erred in determining that the claim was subject to harmless review; **Pages H7906–08**

Ryun of Kansas amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record) that condemns the decision in *United States v. Helder, Jr.* and encourages the Department of Justice to appeal the decision so that it is overturned; **Pages H7908–10**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 29 printed in the Congressional Record) that inserts a new section on page 69, after line 17, which states that notwithstanding any other law, an indictment may be found or an information instituted at any time without limitation for any offense under section 1201 involving a minor victim; **Pages H7910–11**

Sensenbrenner amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record) that allows checks and access to federal crime information data-base by Child Welfare Agencies for certain purposes; **Pages H7910–11**

Jackson-Lee amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record) that expresses the sense of Congress that background checks conducted as a precondition to approval of any foster or adoptive placement of children affected by a natural disaster or terrorist attack should be expedited in order to ensure that such children do not become subjected to the offenses enumerated in the Children's Safety Act; **Pages H7911–12**

Weldon of Florida amendment (No. 20 printed in the Congressional Record) that withholds 10 percent of a State's Byrne Grant and Local Government Law Enforcement Grant funds if the State fails to enact a law requiring those who have been accused of sex

crimes to submit to an HIV test within 48 hours of such request; **Page H7912**

Wasserman-Schultz amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record) which states that civil confinement would encompass those who are deemed too dangerous to return to society without proper treatment and rehabilitation after psychological evaluation; **Page H7912**

Nadler amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record) that prohibits the transfer or possession of a firearm by any individual convicted of committing a sex offense against a minor; **Pages H7914–15**

Kelly amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record) that creates a national child abuse registry within the Department of Justice. The amendment also requires the Attorney General to work in consultation with the Secretary of HHS in creating the database; **Page H7915**

Pence amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record) that ensures that children are not exploited in the production and distribution of pornography. Additionally, the amendment provides increased protection to victims of child pornography and strengthens the hand of law enforcement in investigating and bringing charges in obscenity and child pornography cases; **Pages H7915–17**

Conyers amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record) that makes it a crime to knowingly misappropriate the personal identification information of a minor in interstate or foreign commerce; and **Pages H7917–18**

Conyers amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record) that adds a title and sections to the bill that may be cited as the “Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2005” (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 469). **Pages H7918–22, H7923**

Rejected:

En bloc amendment consisting of the following amendments: Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 4) that sought to remove mandatory minimum sentences; and Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 7) that sought to eliminate provisions, which call for the death penalty if a death results in connection with a crime against a child; and **Pages H7905–06**

Inglis amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record) that sought to remove the mandatory minimum incarceration provisions for sex offenders who fail to register under the provisions of the bill (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 316 nays, Roll No. 468). **Pages H7901–03, H7922–23**

Point of Order sustained against:

McDermott amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record) that sought to allow states that pay for child foster care for children who have

been displaced because of Hurricane Katrina to receive Federal payments both for placement services and foster care for one year, starting this month. **Pages H7913–14**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H7924**

H. Res. 436, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H7879–81**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7871.

Senate Referrals: S. 1613 was held at the desk. **Page H7871**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m. **Page H7944**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 2 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7922–23, H7923–24 and H7924. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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FBI TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FBI Transformation Efforts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; and Robert Mueller, Director, FBI; Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology, GAO; the following officials of the CRS, Library of Congress: Alfred Cumming, Specialist in Intelligence and National Security Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division; and Todd Masse, Specialist in Domestic Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Domestic Social Policy Division; and Dick L. Thornburgh, former U.S. Attorney General.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Quadrennial Defense Review: Goals and Principles. Testimony was heard from Dov S. Zakheim, former Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA—FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a